

PULPIT THOUGHTS.

EXTRACTS FROM YESTERDAY'S SERMONS.

THE SCRIPTURAL MEANING OF "LOST."

Mr. Beecher said in his morning sermon: "The principle which is continually used in and out of the pulpit that all men are lost, is an inappropriate one. It is true that all have been lost in the Bible sense of the word; but the word lost as used in theology is absolutely different from the same word as used in the Old Testament and the New. There it is the shepherd's phrase, used of sheep who have wandered away. They are good sheep, who are bad in that. Men are never spoken of in Scripture as lost on account of Adam's sin, or any other fungus in theology. They are lost in the shepherd's phrase: strayed from right living, wandered out of the way, just as sheep are lost."

"We all like sheep have gone astray."

Men are wanderers out of the way, never lost with the idea of a corrupt nature. In the theological sense, human nature is all right if it is used right. The science and reason are good enough if used aright; but the world—god—the god of ambition, the god of wealth, the god of pleasure, that came from seeking the right, it is to him that the man should serve. He who serves the world, and pictures the results according to those who served such gods. Then he pointed out the wealth, power, intellect and pleasure that came from seeking the right. He said, "I am not sure the Regiment was not organized to escape duty or to show off at parade, but to be ready to answer to the call of its country."

After the service the regiment marched down Fifth-ave. to Thirty-fourth-st., to Broadway and the armory.

reserved for the 12th Regiment, which was to hear its regular annual sermon, and at 4 p.m. eight companies, under the command of Colonel James H. Jones, marched in by fours. The choir sang "Oward Christian Soldiers." The chaplain of the regiment, the Rev. William F. Frisby, of Trinity Parish, preached the anniversary sermon, and took for his text the decision of Joshua as to whom he and his house should serve. He spoke of the various worldly gods—the god of ambition, the god of wealth, the god of pleasure, that came from seeking the right, and the god of the world, who have wandered away. They are good sheep, who are bad in that. Men are never spoken of in Scripture as lost on account of Adam's sin, or any other fungus in theology. They are lost in the shepherd's phrase: strayed from right living, wandered out of the way, just as sheep are lost."

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Yesterday's issue of THE SUNDAY TRIBUNE contained as usual a special cable letter and special telegrams and correspondence from all important news centers. Other important features were musical, dramatic, art, and social reviews of the week, review of Archibald Forbes' Life of "Chinese" Gordon; letters from THE TRIBUNE's regular correspondents in London, Paris, Constantinople and Washington, on political, personal and social topics in those capitals; San Francisco letter on curious phases of superstitution manifested in the Hill-Sharon suit; letter from a special correspondent describing the hardships endured by miners in the Coeur d'Alene country; Broadway Note Book; Notes Among the Race-Horses, continuation of "A Potent Philter"; Pulpit Sketch of the Rev. Dr. Jess B. Thomas, Home Interests, the Fashions, and many more. News of the day was given fully; following is a brief synopsis of its leading points:

FOREIGN.—The five-heads of the overland steamer STATE of Florida were picked up by the steamer Devon. — An ex-Fenian in Ireland confessed to subversion of perjury in the trial of the Delahunt brothers. — The dynamiters were arraigned in Birmingham, and remanded for a week.

A revolutionary uprising in Malaga is reported. Baron Ragan is dead.

CIVICNESS.—The Senate was not in session on Saturday. — The entire session of the House was devoted to the consideration of the bill amending the Chinese Immigration act, which, after debate, was passed.

DOMESTIC.—The forest fires continued their ravages in New-York, Pennsylvania, and New-Jersey, several villages being destroyed by many fires, rendering homes and destitute.

Fires were felt in Buffalo of a riot among the longshoremen. — A representative of the Canadian Mohawks was sent to press a claim of the tribe against the State of New-York. — It was found that many vessels had been damaged by the gales on the lakes.

CREDIT AND SURVEYS.—Fitzgerald won the walk-off match on Saturday, making 610 miles; Russell made 621, both beat the best record.

Captain Williams and two police surgeons testified before the Roosevelt Committee. — Referred.

Wicks decided that Silliver Downing was not the mother of the disputed child.

The New-York horsemen had an easy victory over the Detroit men in the gold medal team-tennis.

Stocks were active and fluctuating within moderate limits and closed weak close to the lowest figures of the day.

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THE PETROLEUM MARKET.

NEW YORK, May 4.

It has been difficult to ascertain what definite plans have been decided upon by the large producers of petroleum, who have been entering here for the last week, in regard to a reduction of production. Some arrangement has been reached, however, intended to decrease the new operations in the oil fields, and curtail some measure the yield of the old wells. It is promised that this action will result in lowering the output per barrel, and that the market will be more stable.

The price of oil has been steadily declining since the discovery of the new fields in the state, and

the price of crude oil has been reduced to \$1.00 per barrel.

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any business operation to the men who engage in it.

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